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Aloha and Welcome from the Governor's Office in Hawai`i
It is with pleasure we send you this e-newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"As we look forward to 2007, we are reminded of how unique our island home is and how special the people of Hawai`i are."

- Governor Lingle, wishing Hawai`i residents and visitors a "safe, peaceful and joyous" holiday season.

Thought of the Week

"If we are to be assured that the beauty of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands is to be preserved for the future, then a partnership between the state and federal governments makes perfect sense."

- An excerpt from the Honolulu Advertiser editorial, "Dual approach needed to preserve a jewel," calling the agreement signed by Governor Lingle, Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne and Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez an important moment for the nation and Hawai`i. Read more about this agreement.



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TOP STORIES THIS WEEK



Happy Chanukah! Read a message from Governor Lingle <u>here.</u>

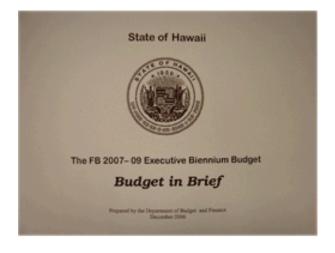


Happy Holidays! Read a message from Governor Lingle here.

Governor Lingle unveils two-year budget, six-year financial plan. Read more here.

Second-term cabinet appointments announced by Governor. Read more.

Governor Lingle Unveils Two-Year Budget, Six-Year Financial Plan



Governor Lingle submitted to the State Legislature an

substantial difference. With a little breathing room and a little help, we could really make the transition for a lot of people faster and smoother."

- Darlene Hein, director of the Waikiki Health Center's Care-a-Van program, sharing her thoughts after Governor Lingle unveiled the proposed state budget. Hein's program supports services offered at homeless shelters.

Upcoming Events

December 23, Governor Lingle will join residents of the Onelau` ena transitional shelter in celebrating the holiday season.

December 25, Merry Christmas!

December 28, Governor Lingle will participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for an emergency, transitional and affordable rental housing project at Kahikolu `Ohana Hale O Wai`anae.

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operating budget for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 (FY08 and FY09) of \$20.78 billion, a capital improvement budget of \$2.1 billion, and a six-year balanced financial plan. The proposed budget supports the Administration's continued commitment to improve the well-being of our citizens through increased support for education, healthcare, housing, and transportation improvements. "The budget and financial plan represent a continuation of the fiscal principals and policies established during the first term of my Administration," Governor Lingle said in her message to the Legislature. "The increases recommended in the operating and CIP budgets reflect the need to address in a fiscally responsible manner those areas where programs have been previously deferred in the years of budget constraints and, more importantly, the need to invest adequate resources in building a vibrant Hawai`i for the years to come."

Read the **news release**.

Watch the **news conference**.

Read the Multi-Year Program and Financial Plan and Executive Budget and Budget in Brief on the **Department**of Budget and Finance Web site.

Governor Appoints Second-Term Cabinet Members



Governor Lingle announced cabinet appointments for her second term.

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Administration's efforts to enhance government services, increase efficiency and improve the quality of life for Hawai`i residents. "When the people of Hawai`i re-elected Lt. Governor Aiona and me, it was a recognition of the accomplishments and progress of our entire Administration," said Governor Lingle. "We appreciate our cabinet's strong work ethic, admire their creativity and tenacity, and value their advice and counsel. They have done an outstanding job of running their departments and working collaboratively to serve the public."

- Watch the news conference.
- Read more.

Final Five Hawai`i Commemorative Quarter Designs Sent to U.S. Mint



This week, the Hawai`i
Commemorative
Quarter Advisory
Commission selected
five final designs for
the State of Hawai`i's
commemorative
quarter. The final five
candidates were
submitted to the U.S.
Mint on December 22
for review by advisory
committees and the
Secretary of the

Treasury. "The

commission has captured in each of the designs, a design that is very emblematic of who we are as a people in Hawai`i," said Marsha Wienert, state tourism liaison and commission advisor. "Whether it be hula and the word 'Aloha,' a surfer with Diamond Head or the island chain and King Kamehameha, I think each one is very emblematic of who we are."

 Read more about the designs and narratives on the <u>Hawai`i Commemorative Quarter Advisory</u> <u>Commission Web site.</u>

Governor Lingle Lights Chabad of Hawai`i Menorah



Governor Lingle
celebrated Chanukah
with Hawai`i's Jewish
community and
members of the
Chabad of Hawai`i at a
Menorah Lighting
ceremony in Waikiki.

Families at Next Step Shelter Celebrate Holiday Season



Families at the Next
Step Shelter celebrated
Christmas at a holiday
party, hosted by
members of St.
Theresa and Nuuanu
Congregational
Churches. The party
included a visit from
Santa Claus, gifts for
the keiki (donated by
members of the
churches), fruit
baskets for parents

(donated by Hawai`i Pacific Health Care Information Systems), and Christmas Carolers. Governor Lingle will attend a Christmas Party at the Onelau`ena Transitional Shelter in Kalaeloa on Saturday.





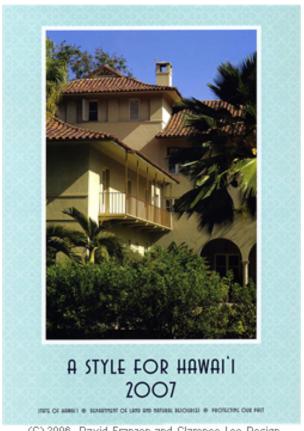
Photo courtesy of Patrick A. Stefanek, Major, USMC.

Major Patrick Stefanek and members of a Kaneohe Baybased Marine Corps Military Transition Team (MiTT), took a photo in Hawai`i before deploying to Western Iraq. The team trains Iraqis in all aspects of military operations.

We invite you to submit digital photos of your loved ones who are serving our country in the defense of freedom and liberty around the world. Please e-mail your photos and a brief caption to governor. lingle@hawaii.gov.

Department of the Week

Land and Natural Resources



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The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) announces the availability of its 2007 Historic Preservation calendar, "A Style for Hawai`i," which features the graceful architecture of the Spanish and Mediterranean revival style buildings that were being built in Hawai'i during the 1920s and 1930s.

The calendar also features boating safety tips, tide chart and phases of the moon.

"The timeless architecture of these buildings, their enduring beauty and sense of elegant simplicity have become identified with an Hawaiian style, and are treasured features worthy of recognition and continued preservation," said Peter Young, DLNR chairperson.

The 2007 Historic Sites calendar costs \$10 and can be obtained from the Hawai`i Heritage Center, P.O. Box 37520, Honolulu, Hawai`i 96837, or by calling (808) 521-2749.



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Honolulu Advertiser, December 19, 2006

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